Parish, who shall be called the Church Warden, and the Rector shall choose one of the Vestry to be his aid and counselor, who shall be called the Rector's Warden, and he shall preside at Vestry meetings, in the absence of the Rector.

SIXTH. *Change of By-Laws.*

The foregoing By-Laws shall not be changed but by a majority of three-fourths of the voters in the Congregation, with the consent of the Rector.

CHARLES R. BONNELL, Rector.

Attest—ALBERT BERRY, Secretary of Vestry.

MANAYUNK, Philadelphia, 2d May, 1887.

"A House of Prayer for All People."

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

MANAYUNK, PHILA.

1900

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Admitted into Union with the Diocese of Pennsylvania May 4, 1887.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

St. Stephen Church, Manayunk, Phila., Pa.

WHEREAS, Samuel Rowley, James Burgess, James Berry, James Harper, Albert Wilby, Albert Berry, Park Schofield, William J. Jeffries, Samuel Milligan, George Missimer, and others, citizens of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have associated as a congregation in Manayunk, Philadelphia, for the worship of Almighty God, and the obedience of Jesus Christ, under the constitution, and according to the canons, doctrine, discipline, and worship, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and in the United States of America, they therefore declare the articles and conditions of their Association to be as follows :

FIRST.

The name of the Association or Church shall be, "The Rector and Congregation of St. Stephen Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania."

SECOND.

This Church acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese

of Pennsylvania and in the United States of America, and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the same. Any person who disclaims or refuses conformity to the said authority and laws shall be incapable of holding office or trust, in or on behalf of this Church or Association.

THIRD.

The revenue of this Church shall be, "Tithes and Offerings," which shall be received and applied to the maintenance of Divine Worship, and for providing all things helpful and agreeable thereto, by such religious and devout methods as By-Laws, duly made, shall ordain, and the clear annual income, held by this Association, shall not at any time exceed the amount authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth. Pews and sittings in this Church shall not be rented, sold or chargeable.

FOURTH.

The Rector of this Church shall be elected by the Congregation, with the advice of the Bishop of the Diocese, in such manner as the By-Laws shall ordain.

FIFTH.

The Congregation of this Church shall consist of all persons whose names are recorded in the Parish Register, in a list of the families of regular worshipers, which shall be made and kept

therein. In this register all official acts of the Rector shall be entered, and the record shall be made by the Rector, or (if the Parish be without a Rector) by some one appointed by the Congregation.

SIXTH.

The Congregation shall choose, on Easter Monday next, ten lay-members of the Church, from the communicants, to assist and further the Rector in the work and extension of the Church. Five of these shall be chosen for one year, and five for two years; and afterwards five shall be elected annually on Easter Monday, to serve for two years. The persons named in the preamble shall act as the committee of the Congregation or Vestry until Easter Monday next.

SEVENTH.

The Rector shall preside, when present, at the meetings of the Congregation and of the Vestry. If the Parish be without a Rector, the Vestry shall obtain the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese, for all new measures or changes.

EIGHTH.

By-Laws, needed to carry on the purposes of the Association, and to promote its order and work, shall be made by the Rector and Vestry.

NINTH.

No person shall become Rector, or Assistant Minister of this Church, who is not recognized

by the Bishop, or Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, as a Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in good standing.

TENTH.

All the property of this Church shall vest in the Incorporated Board of Trustees of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to be held in trust for the sole use of "The Rector and Congregation of St. Stephen Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania." In case of the dissolution of this Church, the trust shall be held for the use of any future Congregation of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church which may be founded in the same neighborhood.

ELEVENTH.

This Church shall have authority to use a seal, the device of which shall be a Crown upon a Cross, surrounded by the legend, "St. Stephen Church, Manayunk, 1887."

TWELFTH.

These articles of Association may not be amended nor changed until the proposed changes be submitted to the Convention of the Diocese for approval.

Dated in Manayunk, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this second day of May, A. D. 1887.

BY-LAWS

OF

St. Stephen Church, Manayunk, Phila., Pa.

FIRST. *Of Voters.*

The members of this Congregation who are entitled to vote are such as are of full age, whose names have been recorded as provided in Article V of Association, at least six months prior to the election, and who are qualified to vote in any lawful assembly.*

SECOND. *On the Election of a Rector.*

Upon the removal or death of the Rector of the Parish the Vestry shall immediately notify the Bishop of the Diocese, asking for names of suitable persons to be presented to the choice of the Congregation, and no person shall be elected

* NOTE.—For several years past, by common consent, the privilege of voting at the annual meeting, for the election of Vestrymen, has been extended to all registered communicants of the Church; and also, provided they have reached the age of twenty-one years, to those who are regular attendants at the services without having been confirmed. ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector, March 28th, 1900.

Rector until the Bishop has had opportunity to advise the Vestry or Congregation concerning him, nor unless he be chosen by a majority of all who are entitled to vote.

THIRD. *Of Deputies and Vestry.*

The Congregation may at the annual election on Easter Monday, choose deputies to the Diocesan Convention. If it is not then done, the Vestry shall do it, and Vestrymen shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

FOURTH. *Of Tithes and Offerings.*

Chests shall be conveniently placed in the Church for the reception of tithes and offerings at all times; and what is cast into them shall be brought up to the chancel during the reading of the sentences of the offertory. The tithes shall be for the Rector, and until they exceed eighteen hundred ($1800) dollars yearly, he shall also receive, up to this sum, whatever remains of the general offerings, after all the expenses of the Church are paid. When the tithes shall exceed eighteen hundred ($1800) dollars yearly, the excess shall be used as a committee consisting of the Bishop, the Rector, and a layman chosen by the Vestry shall determine.

FIFTH. *Of Wardens.*

The Vestry shall elect one of their number to act as Executive Officer and Treasurer of the